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Wilding et al. Art Unit: 1796

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For: THERMOPLASTIC STIFFENING
MATERIAL USED FOR
MANUFACTURING SHOES, AND A
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.